



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 & Rt. Hon. Laish Boyd, *B.A., D.D.*

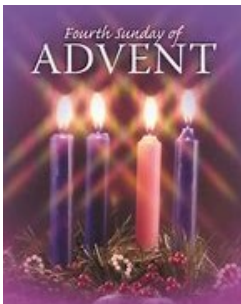
Assistant Bishops

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

*No 6am Wed Mass Dec. 25th/Jan 1st

*6:30pm Wed Bible Study temporarily closed until January



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

YOUTH SUNDAY

Year C/Sunday, December 22, 2024

Introit**The Advent Of Our King****CPWI 52**

Advent Wreath Ceremony

Advent Booklet

Opening Sentence

Advent

BCP 97

The Kyries

BCP 102

Collect

4th Sunday of Advent

BCP 158

COLLECT

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at His coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Micah 5:2-5a**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God**PSALM 80:1-7****THE EPISTLE****Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Hebrews 10:5-10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God**Gradual Hymn****Tell Out, My Soul****CPWI 750**

(The following chorus is sung before and after 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

LUKE 1: 39-45

**Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter
31beginning to read at the 39th verse.**

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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.**

The Sermon

Fr. Scott Brennen

The Apostles' Creed (7am only)

BCP 106

Intercessions (7am only)

Form H

BCP 120

Baptismal Hymn Heavenly Father, Send Thy Blessing

CPWI 648

Holy Baptism (Olivia Gianna Tonya Grant) at 9:30am

BCP 295

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`

The Act of Penitence (7am only)/Greeting of the Peace BCP 123/124

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

We Are One In The Spirit

P&W 74

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

CPWI 48

The Proper Preface

Advent

BCP 127

Eucharistic Prayer

Form B

BCP 135

The Lord's Prayer

BCP144

Communion Hymns

Once, Only Once

CPWI 617

My God, And Is Thy Table Spread

CPWI 608

Be Still, My Soul!

CPWI 572

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 148

The ANGELUS

Advent Booklet (last page)

Recessional Hymn

Jesus, The Light of The World

P&W 55

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

Leannza Beneby, Sabrina Bain, Alinda Bowe, Francis Bowe, Granville Brown, Barbara Chong, Jocelyn Munroe, Florence Pratt, Gina Ross, Vernal Sands, Dr. Julian Stewart., Phillip Styles., Tamara Rolle, Tanisha Braithwaite, Nikeva-Eve

Benjamin, Fr. Timothy Eldon, Leslie Forbes.

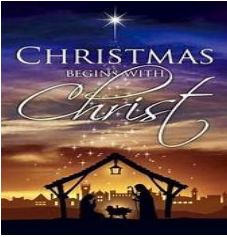
Relatives & Friends: Rowena Albury (James Albury's mother), Almond Weech & Willimena Allen (Kenva Mullings' brother & aunt), Layla Bain (Melinda McKenzie's niece); Ken Bethel, Peter Bowe, LaShay Brown (Lenora Brown's daughter), Fr. Ranfurly Brown, Marvin Cooper (Bradley Cooper's brother), Natalia Cowderoy (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), Mazel Turnquest (Rochelle Turnquest's mother). **Recovering Members:** Cheryl Bethel, Tanisha Brathwaite, Shanae Forbes, Hazel Hunt, Alice Hunter, Deiores Johnson, Garnell Johnson, Isabella Jones, Joan Neymour, Frankie Smith, Beverly Wallace-Whitfield, Diana Swann, Tamara Rolle. **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Rector and Vestry would like to thank Sunday School Superintendent Mrs. Leja Burrows and her production team, along with the Singing Choir, ACW, ACM, CYM and St. Ambrose Community Band, for an outstanding festival of 9 Lessons and Carols held on Dec. 16th. We had more than 100 persons in attendance and everyone was blessed by the inspirational performances. *To God be the glory as we prepare for the coming of The Boy-King Jesus!*



Christmas Services & Events

- Christmas Vigil—Tue Dec. 24th at 10pm
- Christmas Sunday—Dec. 29th at 7am & 9:30am
- New Year's Eve—Tue. Dec. 31st at 10pm
- Social Outreach Souse-Out Sale—Tue. Dec. 31st at 11:45pm

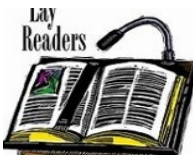


Please be advised that 2025 church offering envelopes have arrived. Please contact the Administrative Secretary Ms. Alma Albury, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm in the church office.



7am– Nicara Sands, Hazel Caroll, Monique Rolle, Suzanne Simmons.

9:30am–Kenva Mullings, Jacintha Wallace, Shenika Campbell, Rebbly-Stone



7am–Francis Dean, Sheryl Moxey, Mark Wilson

9am–St. Ambrose Youth Department



When planning your Last Will & Testament and/or your Life Insurance Policy, please consider leaving a (partial) monetary or real estate benefit specifically to your church, St. Ambrose Anglican Church. This would assist greatly in the church's continuity with ministries to adequately assist our growing community in SW New Providence and beyond.

Fr. Brennen intends to conduct Confirmation classes starting in January 2025. Please ask one of the ushers for an application.

ALL are welcome to attend for a refresher!

(Applications to be filled out for new candidates only).

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: **Dec. 22** –Patrice Pratt, Davoinne Munroe **Dec. 23**–Gennae Knowles, Ann Major **Dec. 24**-Bindique Ellis, Shukendra Meadows-Butler **Dec. 25**-Aquindo Colebrooke **Dec.27**– Shantara Russell



Dec. 23-Richard & Marla Brown **Dec. 24**-Gary & Caffianne Smith **Dec 25**-Reno & Ann Major **Dec 25**-Kevin & Anitta Pratt **Dec 27**-Mark & Xhante Wilson.



The Social Outreach Ministry will host a **Souse-Out at the New Year's Eve Watch Night Mass on Tue. Dec. 31st.** *Chicken, Pig Feet & Sheep Tongue souses will be on sale at \$15 each. Tickets are on sale. Please contact Ms. Frances Dean at 327-4031 or any member for further details.*



We are asking **ALL existing and new members** to please **fill out a Member Data Sheet** and eventually take a digital picture for our database. Please see one of our ushers for the form. Thank you for cooperating.

PLEDGE

NAME _____
 PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- GIVE A ONE TIME GIFT
- GIVE A MONTHLY DONATION
- MAKE AN ANNUAL PLEDGE

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The Vestry intends to officially launch our 2025 Pledge Campaign to raise funds for St Ambrose (Community) Parish Center starting on **Sunday January 5th 2025.** Please contact our Assistant Treasurer Mr. Robert Cox for details.

Weekly Attendance (Dec. 15th, 16th & 18th)

Attendance 7am- **75** 9:30am– **50** Sunday School-**33**
 Monday 9 Lessons & Carols-**108**
 Wednesday Mass–**9** Bible Study– *Resumes in 2025*

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M P	Ps. 61, 62; Isaiah 11:1-9:1; Revela- tion 20:1-10	Ps. 45, 46; Isaiah 35:1-10; Revela- tion 22:12-17, 21; Luke 1:67-80	Ps. 2, 85; Zechariah 2:10-13; 1 John 4:7-16	Ps. 28, 30; 2 Chronicles 24:17-22; Acts 6:1-7	Ps. 97, 98; Proverbs 8:22-30; John 13:20-35	Ps. 2, 26; Isaiah 49:13-23; Matthew 18:1-14
E P	Ps. 112, 115; Zepha- niah 3:14-20; John 5:30-47	Ps. 89:1-29; Isaiah 59:15b-21; Philippians 2:5-11	Ps. 110:1-5 [6-7], 132; Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4; John 3:31-36	Ps. 118; Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8	Ps. 145; Isaiah 44:1-8; 1 John 5:1-12	Ps. 19, 126; Isaiah 54:1-13; Mark 10:13-16 Collect: Holy Inno- cence BCP p.183

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** (422-7142)

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

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

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

Justice 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)