



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 on Jan 1st

*6:30pm Wednesday Bible Study temporarily closed until January 22nd



The First Sunday After Christmas Day
Christmas Sunday/The 5th Day of The Christmas Season
Year C/Sunday, December 29, 2024

Introit

Opening Sentence
The Kyries

Collect

Christians, awake!

Christmas

1st Sunday After Christmas**CPWI 61**

BCP 97

BCP 102

BCP 159

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 147:13-21**THE EPISTLE**

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

(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

JOHN 1: 1-18

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 1, beginning to read at the 1st verse.

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, ‘This was he of whom I said, “He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ’) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

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.

***Anthem”A Song In The Air”.....Singing Choir**

The Sermon
The Nicene Creed
Intercessions

Form C

Fr. Scott Brennen
BCP 104
BCP 108

Parish Prayer. O 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/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

Jesus, The Light of The World

P&W 275

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

Hark! The Herald-Angels Sing

CPWI 68

The Proper Preface

Christmas

BCP 127

Eucharistic Prayer

Form B

BCP 135

The Lord's Prayer

BCP144

Communion Hymns

**Of The Father's Love Begotten
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear
What Child Is This?**

CPWI 83

CPWI 70

P&W 278

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 148

Recessional Hymn

The First Nowell

CPWI 88

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, Leslie Forbes, Trevor Adderley.

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 (Cheyenne & 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 Braithwaite, Shanae Forbes, Hazel Hunt, Alice Hunter, DeLores 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, Wardens and Vestry, would like to THANK ALL persons who decorated the church; provided donations for our social outreach ministry gifts; cooked and gave funding for the food distribution on Christmas Day; and for all other efforts small and great, to make Christmas 2024 a smashing success!

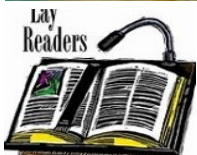


Please be advised that 2025 church offering envelopes have arrived. Please contact the Administrative Secretary Ms. Alma Albury, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm in the church office for collection.



7am– Alma Albury, Phillipa Robinson, Melanie Badmus, Nathalie Nairn.

9:30am–Sheena Styles, Melinda McKenzie, Sherry Walkine, Bradley Cooper.



7am–Norma Dean, Karen Rolle, Rochelle Taylor

9:30am–Tyeisha Farrington, Latayla Baker, Zenon Seymour.



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).

Tithe & 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. 29** –Matthew Miller, Jay Johnson **Jan. 1**–Karen Stubbs **Jan. 2**-Magnolia King, Leon Sturup, Noah Miller **Jan. 4**-Kayden Butler, Cyntiche Forbes, Terrell Hepburn, Ednal Rolle



Dec. 29-Cardrington & Karen Coleby **Jan. 1**-Christopher & Shantia Goodwin-Davies **Jan 2**-Clifton & Rona Astwood.



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. 22nd & 24th)

Attendance 7am- **78** 9:30am– **110** Sunday School-**In church**
 Tuesday Christmas Vigil-**66**

Wednesday Mass–*Resumes Jan. 8th* Bible Study– *Resumes Jan. 22nd*

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Ps. 20, 21:1-7 [8-14];	Ps. 46, 48; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2; John 8:12-19	Ps. 103; Genesis 17:1-12a, 15-16; Colossians 2:6-12	Ps. 34; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12	Ps. 68; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22	Ps. 85, 87; Exodus 3:1-12; Hebrews 11:23-31
M	Isaiah 25:1-9; Revelation 1:9-20					
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	Ps. 23, 27; 1 Kings 17:17-24; John 7:53-8:11	Ps. 90; Isaiah 65:15b-25; Revelation 21:1-6	Ps. 148; Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12; John 16:23b-30	Ps. 33; 1 Kings 19:1-8; John 6:35-42, 48-51	Ps. 72; 1 Kings 19:9-10; John 10:7-17	Ps. 136; Joshua 3:14-4:7; John 14:6-14 Collect: Xmas II BCP p.159
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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)