

*"To you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour,
who is the Messiah, the Lord."*

Luke 2:11



St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole
Anglican Church

***“To Seek and Serve
Christ in all persons”***

Incumbent: The Rev. Lisa Newland

Archdeacon: The Venerable Kyn Barker

Honorary Assistant: *The Rev. Canon John Wilton*

Music Director & Organist: *Mr. David Braund*

Lay Reader: *Mr. Joe Smith*

Lay Anointer: *Mr. Clifford Wong*

“A word of special thanks to the children of the parish for designing our bulletin cover, participating in the pageant, making the altar candles and baking the bread used for holy communion.”

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2017

4:30 p.m. Family Service with Pageant and Communion

Prelude: "In dulci jubilo" Marcel Dupré

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: 118 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (ADESTE FIDELES)

Children's Talk & Blessing of the Creche

(The young people are invited to come forward to take part)

Celebrant: On Christmas Jesus came to earth to be our guest. All of creation praises this bright little Son of God. Like the stars in the sky, Jesus shines with light.

People: We welcome him.

Celebrant: On Christmas Jesus came to earth to give us hope. The dark night of sin now shines with forgiveness. Where there once was no future, now there is new life.

People: We welcome him.

Celebrant: On Christmas Jesus came to earth to unite all people. Our separation from God and one another is ended. Where there once was division, there is now peace.

People: We welcome him.

Celebrant: On Christmas Jesus came to earth to bring joy to the world. Our groans are transformed into tears of happiness. Our sadness is replaced with gladness.

People: We welcome him.

Collect of the Day *(please remain standing)*

Celebrant: Let us pray
Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

“What’s So Special?” Christmas Pageant

by Helen Martin

Hymns during the pageant (*first verses only*):

153 Good Christians All, Rejoice

120 O Little Town of Bethlehem

126 Away in a Manger

136 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Peace (*please stand*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: 139 “The First Nowell” (vv1-4)..... THE FIRST NOWELL

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the

darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymns during Communion

123 "Once in Royal David's City"IRBY
119 "Silent Night" STILLE NACHT

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Celebrant: Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God,

from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 154 "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "In dulci jubilo" J. S. Bach

Next Sunday's Readings ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

ASSISTING TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Lisa Newland
Chalice: Helen Edmonds, Geoff Newland
Altar Guild: Gwynne Barker, Zoe McOstrich



**THE CHRISTMAS GREENERY AND PLANTS
are given to the glory of God and**

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| Laurel Allen | In memory of departed loved ones |
| Margaret Allen | In memory brother Bradford, and grandmother Clarice Montague, and Angeline Hamilton |
| Barker Family | In memory of Elva and Jack Edmiston and Jill Reeve |
| Claudette Blake and family | In memory of loved ones |
| Harold and June Browne | In memory of loved ones |
| Nancy Camps | In memory of loved ones |
| Victoria and Maurice Charles | In loving memory of our parents, brothers and sisters |
| The Huk Danelesko Family | In memory of loved ones |
| Vivienne Fetherston | In memory of John Fetherston, Gertrude Smith and Charles and George |
| Norm and Mary Fox | In loving memory of loved ones |
| Beverley Griffiths | In memory of James and Beryl Griffiths |
| Georgina Hew | In memory of her mother, Pamela |
| Atheline Hunte | In memory of loved ones |
| Rudolf and Sally-Anne Hrica | In memory of Helen and Palo |
| Judy and Ted Jackson | In memory of loved ones |
| B. James | In memory of loved ones |
| The Jansz | In memory of Monica and Aubrey Jansz, and Sharon Prashad |
| Douglas Jacques | In loving memory of Nancy Jacques, wife and mother |



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| Donna Lam, Diana Ewert-Lam, Philip, Rebekah and Matthew Lam | In loving memory of Barbara and Alfred Lam, Gertrude and Arthur Van Ryck deGroot, and Eunice and Neville Luck |
| Keith and Delores Lawrance | In memory of Our parents, Hortense and Harold Lawrence, Frank and Lillian Dussard |
| Jo-Anne, Lori-Jo and Kelly McMath | In memory of Ken McMath |
| The McQuistons | In memory of Tom McQuiston |
| Paula and Gord Mount and family | In loving memory of departed loved ones |
| Rev. Lisa, Geoff, Paige and Colin Newland | In loving memory of Liz Bailey |
| Stephen and Jane O'Keefe | In memory of our parents, our brother-in-law, Bill, and our friend Gavin |
| Ann Padmore | In memory of Winnie Padmore |
| Indranee Seevaratnam | In memory of Lavan Seevaratnam |
| Val and Elan Seales | In loving memory of Colville and Muriel Seales, and Cecil and Evangeline Williams |
| Sylvia Sutherland | In memory of Gladys and Samuel Thomas, Sylvia's parents |
| Joy Walker | In loving memory of the Walker family, Mom and Dad |
| Cecile Weil | In memory of Eric and Mavis Spence, and Karl and Ella Weil |
| Ian and Shirley Young | In memory of departed loved ones |

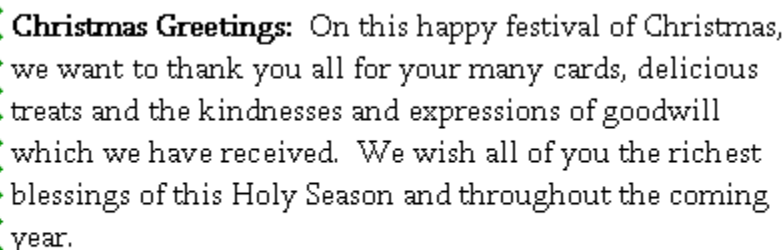
UPCOMING EVENTS

December

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| Today Christmas Eve | 4:30 p.m. | Family Service with Pageant and Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:00 p.m. | Lessons and Carols |
| Christmas Day, Monday, 25th | 10:00 a.m. | Communion Service with Carols |
| The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, 31st | 8:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Sung Communion Service, incense will be used |
| January 2018 | | |
| The Baptism of the Lord Sunday, 7th | 8:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Sung Communion Service |
| Tuesday, 9th | 7:30 p.m. | Advisory Board Meeting |
| Saturday, 13th | 1:30- 4:00 p.m. | Social Justice & Advocacy Vestry Motion Workshop |
| Sunday, 21st | 4:30 p.m. | Collation of Arch Deacons and installation of Canons at St. James Cathedral |
| Sunday 28th | 7:30 p.m. | Organ Recital by David Braund |


Note: There will be no 5:00 p.m. service today and Sunday, Dec. 31st. The 5:00 p.m. Service will resume on Sunday, January 7th, 2018.

There will be no Sunday School **today** as the children will be participating in the pageant in the afternoon and there will be no Sunday School for the duration of the school holiday. Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, January 14th 2018**.



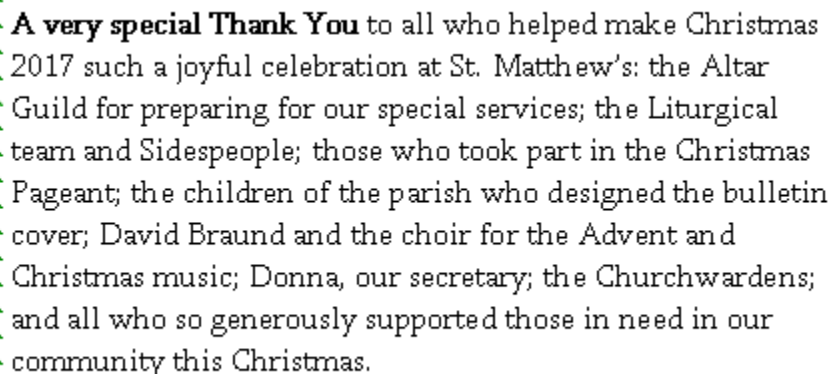
Christmas Greetings: On this happy festival of Christmas, we want to thank you all for your many cards, delicious treats and the kindnesses and expressions of goodwill which we have received. We wish all of you the richest blessings of this Holy Season and throughout the coming year.

Rev. Lisa, Geoff, Paige and Colin Newland



Your Churchwardens wish you and yours
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON

Val Seales Margaret Allen
Norma Walker Roberts
Kakra Winful
Raine Liliefeldt



A very special Thank You to all who helped make Christmas 2017 such a joyful celebration at St. Matthew's: the Altar Guild for preparing for our special services; the Liturgical team and Sidespeople; those who took part in the Christmas Pageant; the children of the parish who designed the bulletin cover; David Braund and the choir for the Advent and Christmas music; Donna, our secretary; the Churchwardens; and all who so generously supported those in need in our community this Christmas.

RECTOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Rev. Lisa's Sabbath day is Mondays. Rev. Lisa's office hours are generally 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Tuesdays – Thursdays at the church. Fridays are a home office day for sermon preparation. She may be reached through the church office at 416-494-7020 ext. 2 or at 416-756-9130 outside of office hours.

CHURCH ASSISTANT'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday: Noon. – 6:00 p. m.

Parish Officers

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| Rector's Warden | Valerie Seales |
| Peoples' Warden | Margaret Allen |
| Deputy Wardens | Raine Liliefeldt |
| | Norma Walker Roberts |
| | Kakra Winful |
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| Office/Rentals | Donna Lam |
| Envelope Secretary | Shyamal Ray |
| Sidespeople 8:00 | Roland Wood |
| 10:00 | Valerie Seales |
| Music Director/Organist | David Braund |
| Church School | Susan Porter |
| Nursery | Diane Wilton |
| Altar Guild Chair | Gwynne Barker |
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