

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Service - 10:00am.

The Wednesday service offers a quiet time for prayer and reflection on scripture. Please join us in the church sanctuary. Services are hosted at Bowmanville Creek Retirement Community Chapel, every 4th Wednesday of the month.

Every 4th Sunday of the month, the regular 10:30am service will include **'laying on of hands'**, for anyone desiring spiritual guidance and prayer during the service.

Christmas Hampers

Our Parish Hall sign-up and display will be available Sunday December 2nd, 9th and 16th. Please prayerfully consider how God leads you to support our Community Families and Bethesda House (Women's Shelter) this Christmas Season. For more information please contact our office (905) 623-2460.

Bell Chimes for Downtown Sat. Dec 22nd

The Bowmanville BIA has again invited St. John's to play our bells so that Downtown shoppers can enjoy hearing Christmas Carols ring through the streets. Our bell ringing is an outreach and service to the community. The bell ringing is easy to do - simply follow the numbered instructions printed in the song book. The Christmas Carols put smiles on people's faces! This is a great activity for children and youth as well as adults. The sign-up Sheet is in the Parish Hall entry foyer. Many thanks! For more information please contact our office (905) 623-2460.

Advent Study – Sunday December 23 9:00 – 10:00am.

In this Advent Study we will look at the 3 Collects (Prayers of Preparation) for Advent, relating them to the scripture readings assigned for the Sunday, and to our own lives. ALL ARE WELCOME. For more information please contact our office (905) 623-2460, or Canon Susan Sheen. Location – Great Hall

The Real Music of Christmas – Friday December 21, 7:00pm.

St John's, in coordination with the Bowmanville branch of The Salvation Army, is offering an evening of Christmas music, and carols featuring Organists Timothy Wisnicki, and Elizabeth Barlow. A Free Will offering, and a donation of non-perishable food items will be collected for the Salvation Army Food Drive. For more information please contact our office (905) 623-2460.

4L Milk Bags Requested - For Sunday School Project

The Sunday School youth have asked to participate in making milk-bag mats, which serve as mattresses for those in developing nations. We are beginning to research how to do this. Please begin collecting and bringing in empty 4L milk bags - the outer bag only that holds the 3 sleeves of milk. For more information contact Cathie McCabe (905) 623-1961.



In Memoriam at Christmas Time

Christmas time brings memories of loved ones no longer with us. If you would like to remember a special someone by having a floral, In Memoriam plant placed in the church over the Christmas season For more information please contact our office (905) 623-2460.

Notice of Vestry Reports

All St. John's groups are requested to please submit their Vestry Reports by **Monday, January 14, 2019**. A template for your report is available at the back of the church. This template is available digitally as a Word document for you to type in your report. Please ask Eleanor to email it to you. She will email all the contact people for church groups next week. Office email address: st.johns.bow@bellnet.ca

Offering Envelopes 2019

The 2019 weekly offering envelopes are now available. Please pick up your envelopes, with your name on them, at the back of the sanctuary. New users are invited to take a box and write their name, address and box # on the clipboard. The boxes are located on the pew at the back of the church. For more information please contact our office (905) 623-2460.



We live, as many Canadians do, on Treaty Land. We are part of Treaty 20 known as Surrender M. It consists of almost 2 million acres of land for which the British paid \$10 in goods to each person. We acknowledge the First Nations (Mohawk, Hiawatha, and Chippewa) in whose territory we live, and we express our thanks for the opportunity to meet here today.

Prayer for Discerning St. John's New Incumbent - Please Pray

Lord God, We seek your kingdom first, your will to be done.
We seek your choice for a new Incumbent for St. John's Bowmanville.
We seek your guidance, wisdom and discernment in this selection.
We seek openness to your surprises.
We seek to be honest in expectations for our new Incumbent.
We seek honesty in all communication between our committee and the candidates.
We seek your strength and stamina, and cooperation in ourselves and others as we journey together.
In Jesus Christ's Name we pray, Amen.



St. John's Church
Making Jesus Known
Through Worship, Learning
And Faithful Community Engagement

Upcoming Events 2018

Date:	Time:	Event:
Sat Dec 22	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Bell Chimes Ringing
Sun Dec 23	9:00 – 10:00 am	Advent Study
Fri Dec 21	7:00 pm	The Real Music of Christmas
Sun Dec 23	8:00 am ~ 10:30 am	The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mon Dec 24	3:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Services
Tue Dec 25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service

St. John's Anglican Church

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	Hours Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm		

Sunday, December 16, 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

Isaiah 61.1



Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Michael Bedford-Jones

Accompanist: Sharon Kosloski

Readings This Week

Isaiah 12:2-6 N.T. p.75 Zephaniah 3:14-20 O.T. p.981
Philippians 4:4-7 N.T. p.211 Luke 3:7-18 N.T. p.61

Mid-Week Holy Communion Wednesdays 10:00 am – in the Church
(4th Wednesdays at Bowmanville Creek Retirement Community Chapel)

Services next Sunday, December 23, 2018

8:00 am BCP ~ Holy Communion ~ 10 :30 am BAS

Readings Next Week

Psalm 80:1-7 O.T. p.598 Micah 5:2-5a O.T. p.962
Hebrews 10:5-10 N.T. p.234 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55) N.T. 57