

Advent 3

Anglican Church of Canada - Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland &
Labrador

Parish of Bay Roberts - Coley's Point

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*The Spirit of the Lord God The Spirit of the Lord
anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. Isaiah 61. 1*

Please remember St. Matthew/St. John in your will. Thank you

I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

St. Luke 2, 10-11

St. Matthew s Bulletin is dedicated to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of the following:

GERALD BROWN from Minnie, Carla & Jennifer.

Mother & Father MELIDA & WILLIAM E. MERCER from The Mercer Family (Frank, Enid, Irene, Doris, Stan & Karen).

ST. MATTHEW S DUTY LIST

Readers: Riley Akerman (Advent Wreath), Don Crane

Servers: 4:30 p.m. - Kimberly Drover, Douglas Akerman

7:00 p.m. - Courtney Mercer, Nicholas Mercer

Elements Bearers: 4:30 p.m. - Scott, Colette, Caitlyn & Ethan Crosbie

7:00 p.m. - Ches & Anne Lake

Sidespersons: Merv & Pat Clarke

Services for December 25th & 31st

December 25th Christmas Day (White)

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (*Quiet*), St. Matthew s

December 31st Christmas I (White)

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, St. Matthew

3:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols, St. John the Evangelist

Propers for Christmas are those of the *Nativity of Our Lord* found on page 104 in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Sunday School. This evening at the 4:30 p.m. service we welcome the members of our Sunday School as they assemble for their *Christmas Program & the Blessing of the Creche*. Thank you to all parents and teachers for your continuing support.

Confirmation. The date for Confirmation is tentatively scheduled for March 18, 2007. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

Our Weekly Congregational Offerings: *For December 17, 2006*

	St. Matthew	St. John
Budget for 2006	\$ 93,536.00	
Budget for each week	1,798.76	
Received last week, December 17	3,131.33	\$1,774.62

Prayer Intentions for this week:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

Pray for The Rt. Reverend Dr. Alexander John Malik Moderator, Church of Pakistan & Bishop of Lahore.

Tri-Diocesan Intercessions.

We pray for Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Synod Office Staff - The Rt. Reverend David Torrance, Ms. Beverly Parsons, Mrs. Margaret Jennix, Mrs. Mercedes Simms, also retired and on leave clergy.

Those who are ill.

Doris Morgan, Nadine Newhook, Ralph Levitt, Mark Marsh, Sandra Stone, Shirley Andrews, George Burford.

Year s Mind.

We pray for the souls of Samuel Parsons, S. Isabel Churchill, also Gerald Brown, Melida & William E. Mercer, Allan & Clara Dawe, Chesley & Jane Evely & Other Departed Loved Ones in whose name the Christmas Bulletins are dedicated. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

From the Janes . Father Mark, Deborah, Nicole & Stephen would like to thank all parishioners who gave gifts and cards. We would like to extend to all parishioners a most Blessed and Happy Christmas.

Book Closing. In keeping with good business practices the Treasurers would like to close the Church accounts for the year 2006 in early January. Anyone wishing to offer a gift to be credited towards this year s givings should do so by December 31st.

Church Humour. Close to Christmas, a mother arrived to pick up her 5 year-old daughter only to learn that she had been playing roughly and had broken the coffee table. The little girl seemed remorseful on the way home and asked, Will Santa Claus know? The mother replied, I don t think so. The little girl then asked, Will God know? Well, God knows everything. replied the mother. The little girl thought for a moment, then asked, Does God know Santa Claus?