



Christ Church, Rawdon

1822 – 2022

Advent & Christmas 2022



Located in the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat people

First Sunday of Advent, 2022

*"There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places where the Lord, our God, may go!"*
Common Praise Hymn 106: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mA73oyWm5gg>

My beloved sisters and brothers of Christ Church Rawdon.

Our parish ended the liturgical year with the celebration of our 200th anniversary. We were graced with visits from municipal councillors Bruno Desrochers and Stéphanie Labelle, and with letters from our Vicar General, our Assistant Bishop, our Archdeacon, and from Edward+ and Michael+, and guests from our sister parish in Mascouche. We broke bread at worship and again in the hall where conversation, good food, and a 200th Anniversary cake was shared.

This Sunday, Advent 1, marks the start of the new liturgical year. As the Church does every Advent, we begin by telling the stories of hope and longing found in Isaiah. This year we will read 2:1-5; 7:10-16; 11:1-10; and 35:1-10. Please take time to read these passages and ponder the beauty of the words of renewal which pour from Isaiah's pen. Isaiah's words resonate in our hearts as clearly today as they did when he spoke them 2800 years ago. His eyes were clear as to what God COULD do. He preached to a people discouraged and downtrodden and spoke to them of what seemed impossible. His words made the impossible both believable and real in their imaginations and in their lives. Like a spark in stubble, Isaiah's words kindled hope for the people of Israel while still in captivity in Babylon; hope to trust that God remained with them even far from the land God had given to them.

Today as we read Isaiah, we need to hear his words and learn to believe anew that the impossible is possible, that low places and peoples will be lifted up, that those who seek high places for themselves will be made low, and that in the desert a highway is being prepared on which the people of God will travel. In our own lives, as we each prepare for Christmas, please take time to consider those low places in your lives which need to be lifted up and those high places which could be made low, that we might, in our hearts, prayers, and lives, prepare for the arrival of a Prince of Peace who came not in majesty, but in humility; who came to lead by example, and who taught that service and alms-giving and the pouring out of ourselves for our community and the well-being of those around us is the best and most enduring way to live. As we walk these four Advent weeks to Christmas, let us walk with conviction, with mutual encouragement, and with faith.

Fr. Rodney Clark

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Worship Schedule: from Advent 2 to the end of Epiphany

Dec 04, 10:30	Advent 2. The Rev. Rodney Clark + Rev Dr. Neil Mancor: narrative sermon
19:00	Gospel and Folk Sing-along in the Parish Hall singing non-traditional Christmas music
Dec 11, 10:30	Advent 3. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Dec 18, 10:30	Advent 4. The Rev. Rodney Clark
19:00	Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols and the telling of a Christmas story
Dec 24, 19:00	Christmas Eve. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Dec 25 NB	We will NOT gather to worship in Christ Church on Christmas Day
Jan 01, 10:30	The Holy Name of Jesus. The Rev. Rodney Clark
19:00	Gospel and Folk Sing-along in the Parish Hall and a New Years' Levee
Jan 08, 10:30	Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Jan 15, 10:30	Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Jan 22, 10:30	The Third Sunday of Epiphany. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Jan 29, 10:30	The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Feb 05, 10:30	The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord [Candlemas]. The Rev. Rodney Clark + Rev Dr. Neil Mancor: narrative sermon
19:00	Gospel and Folk Sing-along in the Parish Hall
Feb 12, 10:30	The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Feb 19, 10:30	The Transfiguration of Our Lord. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Feb 22, TBD	Ash Wednesday Service. The Rev. Rodney Clark
Feb 26, 10:30	The First Sunday of Lent, followed by Annual Vestry Meeting

Activities in our Parish Hall through to the end of February

MONDAY: 19:00-22:00: AA; **WEDNESDAY:** 19:00-22:00 CA; **THURSDAY:** 19:00-22:00: NA

TUESDAY: ACW Military Whist Card Parties: 19:00. Cost is \$3.

LAST CARD PARTY OF 2022 is Dec 13; FIRST CARD PARTY OF 2023 is Jan 10

FRIDAY: Masonic Lodge: The second Friday of each month

SATURDAY FEB 18th: Winter B.B.Q "Theme The 70's Woodstock"

Tickets will be available January 15. Speak to Ann to reserve in advance.

ACW – No meeting in Dec. Jan, Feb, & Mar meetings still to be announced

Quilt Guild – In the Parish Hall

Jan 21: Bags & Baby Quilts; Feb 18: General Workshop; Mar 18: 3-Yard Quilt

Activities at the Rectory

ACW, UCW, WI Christmas Tea: 13:30-16:00 – TO BE RESCHEDULED

WEDNESDAY Dec 6th, Jan 10th, Feb 7th: 09:45-11:30, **Extended Corporation**

E TUESDAY: 09:00 Breakfast Club at Chez Nous du Communautaire, Mascouche

C WEDNESDAY: 13:00-14:00 Woodworking Group, Grace Anglican Church, Mascouche

O THURSDAY: 10:00-13:00 Christ Church Hall, Rawdon

L FRIDAY: 10:00-14:00 Friday Friends at the United Church Hall, Rawdon

RRA: FRIDAY: Jan 27 & Feb 24: 19:00-21:00 RRA Card Parties at the United Church Hall, Rawdon

Shrove Tuesday: FEB 21, Pancake Supper at the United Church Hall, Rawdon. Details in 2023

WI: MONDAY Jan 2nd, Feb 6th, & March 6th. All meetings will be by Zoom.

Legion Activities: Mon: 09:30, Exercise Group; 13:00, Bingo; **Tue:** 13:00, Darts

Wed 09:30, Exercise Group; 18:00, Supper **Thur:** 19:00, Cribbage **Fri:** 09:30, Exercise Group

CHRISTMAS BASKET DONATIONS: START DEC 4; END Dec 18

Poinsettias for Christmas: To order a poinsettia in memory of loved ones for Christmas, please prepare a cheque for \$25, payable to Christ Church Altar Guild. For more information, please contact Ann Allen @ 450-834-2492. Deadline to order is December 19

The Great Christmas Cake fund raiser: 2022! We are baking +100 delicious brandy infused fruit cakes! Cakes weigh approximately 2 pounds and cost \$25.00. To place your order please call Thelma Ranger 450-834-2044 or Clare Dowie 450-834-2496 or catch them after church.